

# Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

September 16, 2010

15 South 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 103-A  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

## **Members Present:**

David Landrith, Chair  
Kenneth Lewis  
Lon Owen, Ph.D.  
Ranu Jung, Ph.D.  
Greg Garcia, Esq.  
Joan Shapiro, Ph.D.  
Mitchell Shub, M.D.

## **Assistant Attorneys General:**

Ron Johnson

## **Others:**

Bev Bockus  
Susan Cannata

## **Staff Present:**

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.  
James Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Owen moved that the minutes of July 1, 2010 be approved. Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Shub moved that the minutes as amended of July 13, 2010 be approved. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Schroeder provided an update that there has been no progress on the request for an Executive Order concerning cord blood contracting; that the State Procurement Office approved the request for sole source contracting to implement the cord blood bank; and described the continuing decline in revenue in the health research fund (tobacco tax fund).

Commissioner Shub moved that the Commission move to Executive Session in order to consider matters regarding translational research opportunities for a biosignatures laboratory and support for the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium. Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Executive Session began at 10:52 AM. The Commission returned to open session at 11:10 AM. Commissioner Shub moved that the biosignature laboratory proposal not be funded due to a lack of Commission funds. Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Shapiro moved that the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium proposal not be funded due to a lack of Commission funds. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioners discussed their desire to place a priority on maintaining a robust Category I program and to encourage the development of program cores.

Executive Director Schroeder described a request from Dr. G. Robert Pettit for one year bridge funding. Commissioner Owen moved that Executive Director Schroeder discuss with Dr. Pettit the need for a more focused proposal, that she seek outside review of the proposal, and that the request be scheduled for the December Commission meeting. Commissioner Shub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Landrith made a call to the public.

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday December 9, 2010 at 10:30AM.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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James Matthews  
Deputy Director